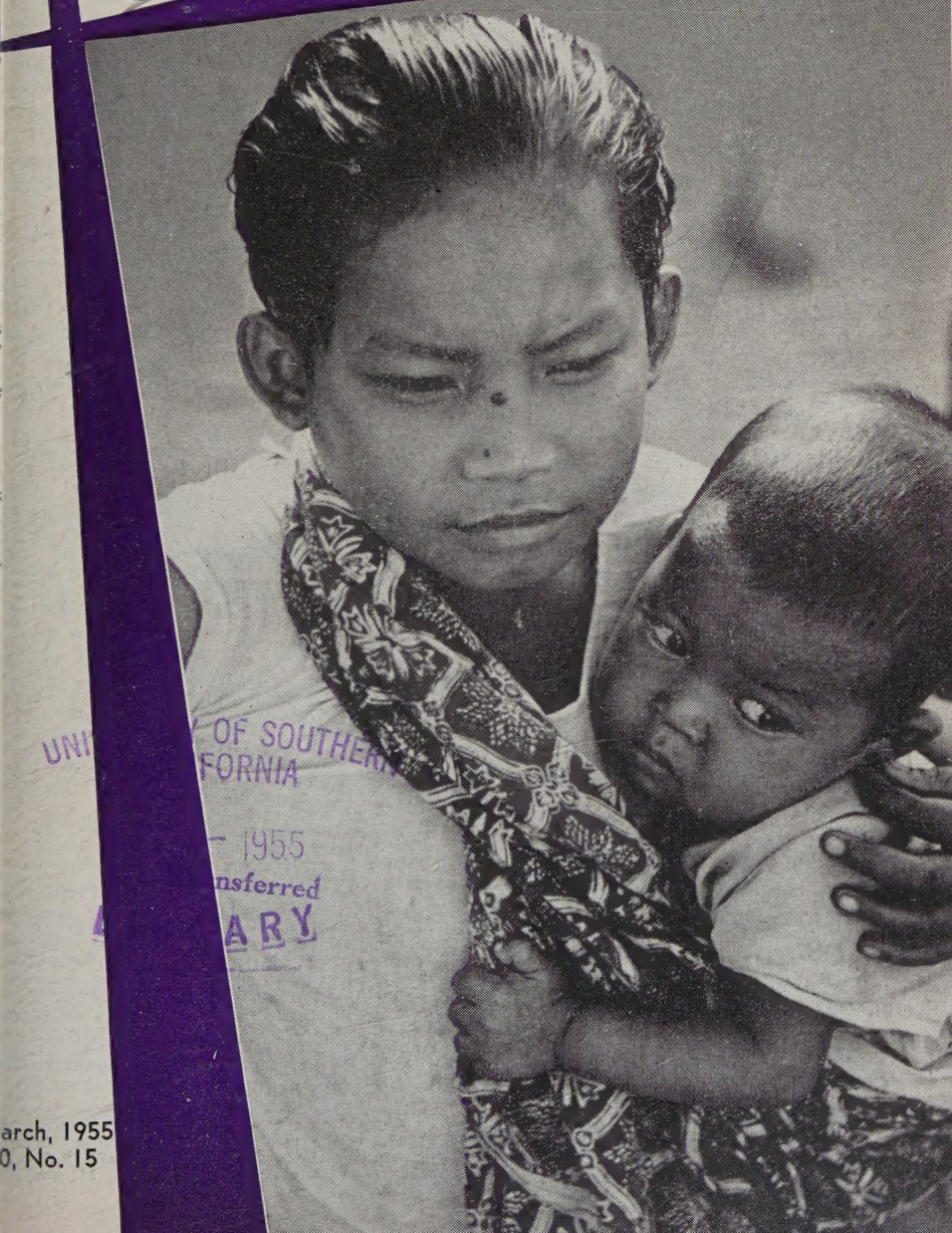


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Our cover picture of a Sumatran boy and his brother was chosen to remind all of us, during the Lenten period when sacrifice is such an important word, that we are called upon by Christ to love and share with such as these, whether they starve at home or in refugee camps. On pages 6, 7 and 8 of this issue, you will find suggestions for a Good Friday service—a meal similar to that which many millions have daily, a worship period, a giving which should be real sacrifice on your part. We have so much . . . they need so much . . . we hardly suffer even when we share greatly . . . but our sharing helps so much . . .

You must write

It is vital that every Methodist youth interested in Christianity in action write to his Congressmen on the U.M.T.-Reserve bill, H. R. 2967, which is still awaiting decision by Congressional committee. Hearings have been back and forth for weeks, and a flood of letters from concerned Christians will do much to determine the outcome of the proposal.

Richard Thompson, president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, testified Mar. 3 before the subcommittee which is considering H.R. 2967, registering NCMY's opposition to it. Many hundreds of the CONCERN reprints of material on Universal Military Training have been ordered by both youth and adults in the church; **YOU STILL CAN GET FREE COPIES OF THE UMT! REPRINTS FROM CONCERN, BOX 871, NASHVILLE 2.**

Here is what the National Council Against Conscription said in a statement the first of this month:

"The report has been coming from Congressmen that young people, especially those of high school age, are writing to them to ask for universal military training.

"The letters make it obvious that 1) these young people have no idea what is in the particular bill before Congress, and 2) that they have been sold on U.M.T. through propaganda of recruiting officers and other groups functioning in the schools.

"They ask for U.M.T. to relieve them

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of the uncertainty that they have in waiting for a draft call. Yet no change in present uncertainty is contemplated except for a quota of 100,000 who are asked to "volunteer" at 17 to avoid the draft. Those who do volunteer will be in the Reserves for 9½ years after their six months' basic training. Since they will be on call by the President for armed duty in event of emergency during their period in the Reserves they will have years of uncertainty even after they are no longer uncertain about the initial draft."

WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO H. R. 2967.

For further information, write for *Universal, Permanent, Compulsory* (a summary of Reserve provisions in the current draft proposals)—5c each, 3 for \$1.

Another publication, listed in the Mar. 4 issue of CONCERN, is a veritable conscription omnibook—*The Facts About the Pentagon's New Conscription Plans*. It (25¢ copy) and the pamphlets listed above are available from: National Council Against Conscription, 513 West 166th St., New York 32.

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Methodist leaders seek church transfers

Negro and white leaders of The Methodist Church in part of New England and New York City have passed a resolution favoring the transfer of Negro churches into the New York Area of the church.

This is the first step taken toward racial integration in the jurisdictional organization of The Methodist Church. The Central or Negro Jurisdiction, including all Negro congregations in the church across the country, was set up as an administrative body when the northern and southern branches of the Methodist churches united in 1939. The other five jurisdictions are organized on a geographical basis.

The resolution is based on legislation of the last General Conference of The Methodist Church in 1952 which provides for the transfer of churches from one jurisdiction into another in which they are geographically located upon approval of the two conferences and jurisdictions involved and the General Conference.

The resolution will be sent to Baltimore Area (Negro) district superintendents who will inform local churches that the New York Area favors the transfer of any churches who wish to change from the Central Jurisdiction to the New York Area, a part of the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The resolution was passed by area representatives of 2,000 churches with almost 500,000 members located in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New

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York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

MYF's gain 835 in Columbus meet

Eight hundred thirty-five young people joined the Methodist Youth Fellowship as a result of visits by 895 youth during the National Christian Witness Mission in Columbus, Ohio, the last week-end in February.

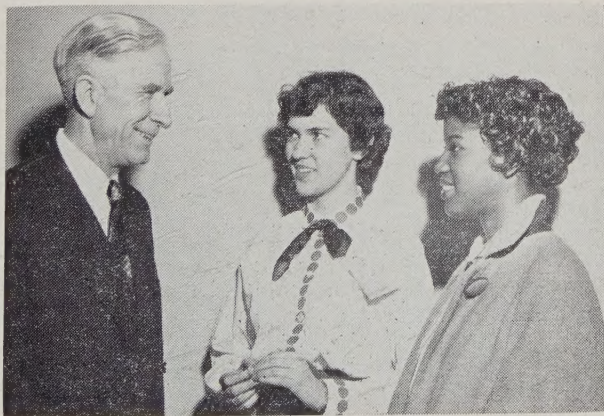
The Mission was preceded by a Christian Witness Workshop conference where more than 250 youth and adult workers with youth from 19 states gathered to share experiences in winning youth to Christ.

Different group procedures were evaluated, and plans were made for more effective means of reaching the three out of four young people presently outside the influence of churches in the United States.

Visitors from outside Ohio were joined by approximately 600 young people from all over Ohio for more than 2,000 week-end visits to the 54 Methodist churches in the vicinity of Columbus.

There were also 20 observers from several denominations, the National Council of Churches and the United Christian Youth Movement. Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Columbus Area and Bishop Matthew W. Clair of the St. Louis Area were speakers.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Ohio chat with Geri Nickerson of Washington, Iowa, and Mary Martin of Muncie, Ind., at the National Christian Witness Mission in Columbus, Ohio, recently. See story above.



CONCERN looking for new editor

The next issue or so of CONCERN will be published under a temporary editorial arrangement, pending the choice of a successor to Eloise Kelly, CONCERN editor.

Due to pressures of the work which have impaired her health, Miss Kelly (known to most people as Pat) has been told by her doctor to find some other type of employment.

For the time being all correspondence having to do with CONCERN may be addressed to LeRoy King, projects secretary of the National Conference of Methodist Youth which sponsors the publication of CONCERN.

As a projects secretary Miss Kelly has also served as a member of the senior committee of the Youth Department of the Board of Education.

House cleaning? Send clothing!

There is still urgent need for good used clothing for overseas relief. All types of clothing are needed, especially men's wear. Donors are asked not to send women's shoes and hats. Articles should be clean and repaired.

Clothing should not be sent directly to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, but to one of the five Church World Service centers in the United States—at 110 East 29th St., New York City; New Windsor, Md.; 4165 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; 10901 Russet St., Oakland, Calif., or Nappanee, Ind.

More than 70 per cent of Methodist membership in the Hawaiian Islands is under 24 years of age. The would-be state celebrated the centennial of Methodism in the territory last week.

They put feet to their faith

Methodist youth in the San Antonio (Texas) sub-district have "put feet to their faith" in a project that has brought them national recognition.

Serving through the San Antonio Volunteer Service Bureau for nearly two years, a total of 15 MYF groups and, later, 11 Episcopal youth groups have given thousands of hours of aid to welfare and service agencies in the city.

The young Methodists began their work in the fall of 1953, following subdistrict rally at which all present caught a vision of faith in action and the adult leaders were challenged to find an opportunity for the youth to "put feet to their faith."

The Rev. Claus H. Rohlfs, sub-district advisor in 1953-54, contacted the Volunteer Service Bureau, a new organization in San Antonio. He and the executive director, Miss Eleanor Good, agreed upon assignments which would make no distinction of race, culture or religion.

A steering committee of representatives of seven churches from among those present at the fall rally helped to draw up the program. Announcements were sent to all the Methodist churches and 11 youth groups responded. The work began in November.

As the year progressed the participation grew rapidly. More agencies began to realize the prospective worth of the groups and requested their services. The Rev. Bruce Galloway succeeded the Rev. Mr. Rohlfs as advisor.





Batter up!

This game was played at the Ella Austin home in San Antonio, Texas, when MYF'ers made new friends while doing volunteer service projects.

advisor when the latter moved away.

The youth painted buildings, repaired fences, refinished furniture, leveled play ground areas, made bandages, assembled publicity materials, led recreational activities, sorted file cards on neighborhood surveys, and did many other kinds of work according to the moment's need.

Each group worked one three-hour period one Saturday a month, only one group working on a project at a time. A period of orientation to the assigned agency is given by a staff member. As the experiences continue the young people "see more and more of the burdens of their fellowmen and become more aware of their own blessings."

In the first year 379 members and 46 counselors from the Methodist churches and Fort Sam Houston Post chapel gave 3,482 hours of service to 25 agencies. The next summer (1954) the Episcopal youth decided to join the project, and 11 of their groups began service last fall.

The interracial work camp composed of representative Methodist youth from all over the United States which served in San Antonio last summer also shared in the total project in giving more than 1,700 hours of volunteer work in addition to their regular program. In addition, work campers' visits to 30 Methodist churches in the vicinity meant better-trained MYF leadership. The San Antonio work camp was a project of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, and is being repeated this coming summer.

In August, 1954, the National Convention of Volunteer Service Workers met in San Francisco and voted the youth service project in San Antonio the outstanding venture of its kind in the United States. Earlier the 11 original youth groups had received certificates at the San Antonio Volunteer Service Bureau's recognition luncheon, and each member of the work camp group received a certificate for more than 100 hours of service.

Great day
in San Antonio.
These MYF'ers,
working at Whosoever
Community House,
helped earn
national recognition
for their volunteer
service project.



Good Friday service

"Will you remember us?"

a village woman said to the American work camper who had spent the summer in her village, Riziani, Greece.

The American wished that he had fluent Greek with which to answer. "Remember you? . . . How can I forget? . . . Each time I draw cool water from a tap I shall see you struggling up a hill with a barrel of water strapped to your back. (No water is available in the village. It must be carried from the river which is a good mile away, by donkey or human back.)

"Each time I crawl into my comfortable bed, I shall see you spreading blankets on a stone floor.

"Each time I eat a meal I shall see your starving face and your children digging through our garbage pails. (The hot sun burns much of the crops in Riziani. The work campers often saw children hunting in their garbage pails.)

"Remember you? I'll always remember you and never cease praying and working for the day when men will no longer permit such unjust suffering to exist."

Methodist youth have remembered. Each year on Good Friday the MYF pauses to remember—and pray.

"Will you remember us?"

Good Friday gives us a chance to commemorate the sacrifice of Jesus. Our fast and offering on Good Friday gives us an opportunity of ministering in his name, of making a sacrifice of our material gifts. But beyond that, we exemplify on Good Friday the spirit of Jesus.

On Good Friday, April 8, MYF groups will serve a subsistence meal of meager fare such as a bowl of rice and a glass of water. After the meal, youth and their adult leaders will rededicate their lives to Christ. At the close of the worship service, a sacrificial offering will be taken.

Thus Methodist youth will once more

put in concrete, symbolic form, the giving of themselves in love and brotherhood.

Finish plans now: the council

The MYF council is responsible for making the complete plans. The minister should be consulted to see how the Good Friday MYF observance fits in with the plans for Holy Week.

Schools may be closed in your community so that you can participate in other services on Good Friday. The council may decide to invite other church members to the MYF Good Friday observance.

Some committees should be appointed by the council. Here are some suggestions.

Promotion committee

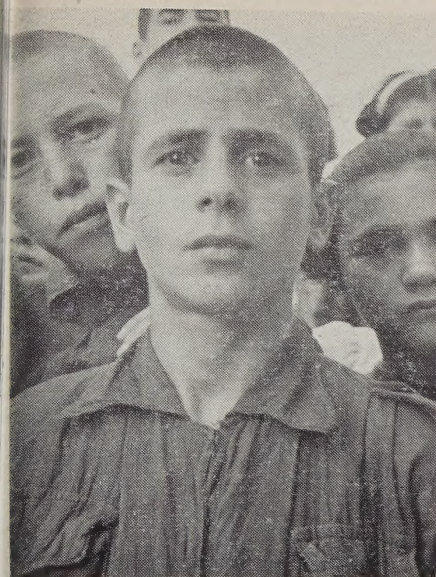
The MYF should be told exactly what a Good Friday fast and observance is. They should know what a sacrificial meal is. They should be prepared for the service and worship after the meal. They should know what a sacrificial offering is and how the money will be used.

The committee will want to stress that each one brings at least as much money as is being saved on the cost of a regular meal. These statements will need to be made clear well in advance, through discussion in MYF meetings, posters, announcements and letters or cards.

Arrangements committee

This committee may want to add to the spirit of the evening by having appropriate pictures and posters in the rooms where the group assembles on Good Friday.

An artistic member of the committee might make large pictures of a child who looks hungry and sick. Other suggestions of pictures are found in church



This boy's name is Carl. It could be Manuel or Pyong or Ahmed. He lives in Frankfort. But he could live in Manila, Seoul or Madar. He is a refugee from Communist persecution. But he could be the child of tubercular parents, a war orphan or a farm boy who has never seen rain in his short, hungry life.

Carl is one of the thousands of

hungry children in today's world. A child who never gets quite enough to eat. A child to whom a cup of milk is a wondrous luxury. A little boy who holds out an empty cup.

Carl is one of the reasons why Methodist youth will celebrate Good Friday with a sacrificial offering for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

As we commemorate the sacrifice of Jesus, we have opportunity to demonstrate our concern for the hungry and suffering people of the world. For the Carls and the Manuels and the Pyongs and the Ahmeds.

On Good Friday MYF groups all over the U.S.A. will serve a subsistence meal of simple, meager fare, such as a bowl of rice and a glass of water. After the meal in a service of worship, Methodist youth and their adult leaders who have rededicated their lives to Christ will make an offering for relief.

The gifts we give will be translated into cups of milk for the underfed, blankets for the cold, medicines for the sick. They will become instruments of Christ's love for the comfort of our fellow men.

periodicals and often in current magazines.

The arrangements committee will want to schedule a room for use in advance of the meal, where a leader can lead the group in quiet singing as members arrive. When everyone has arrived, and instructions have been given, prayer may be offered and the group can then go to the dining room.

Meal committee

A committee will need to plan carefully for the meal. Don't let the simplicity of it make you think nothing needs to be done until the last minute.

Plan how you want the tables arranged and set. Some MYF groups use plain paper covering and old, used candles set on a tin can cover.

The meal consists of a bowl of cooked rice and a glass of water. It should be at each place at the table when the

group comes in. Because the meal is so simple, it is suggested that the group in the kitchen participate in the sacrificial meal and the service that follows, too.

The sacrificial meal is eaten in complete silence broken only by scripture readings and poetry. Since the entire evening's observance is brief, there will be ample time for cleaning the dining room and kitchen later.

Worship committee

The committee is responsible for—

1. The instructions about the Good Friday fast and observance and the prayer that is made just before the meal.
2. The meditative sentences during the meal.
3. The worship center in the sanctuary. Suggested worship setting:

Place a cross in the center of an altar. On one side of the cross arrange a horn of plenty or some other arrangement of foodstuffs that we enjoy. On the other side of the cross place an empty tin drinking cup and a portion torn off a loaf of French bread. (The two arrangements will suggest the contrasts in our prosperous living with the bare existence of our fellow-men in various parts of the world. A spotlight may help to make the altar arrangement more attractive.)

4. The service of worship, including instruction of the ushers and offering.

Follow-up committee

This committee takes over right after the service. Don't leave everything to the sexton or to the minister. Be sure to clean up, put away and return materials used. This committee is responsible for counting the offering and sending it. Transfer the cash to a check or money order made out to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and send it to:

Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Be sure to mark the check "Good Friday MYF offering." Send the offering immediately.

What happens to the money?

When your Good Friday sacrificial meal is sent to MCOR it will be used wherever the need is greatest.

The money may be used to provide help for some of the 214,000 displaced persons or refugees coming to this country; for a milk station in outlying sections of Korea; or to bring food and medicines to homeless orphans; or to help fight tuberculosis in India; or to furnish artificial limbs to Korean amputees; or to bring relief and fresh hope to Arab refugees in Palestine.

Suggestions for worship

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:6-12
Matthew 25:31-45
Mark 10:42-45
Luke 10:30-37

Resources:

Living Joyously—Kirby Page
Meditations of the Heart—Howard Thurman
Recent issues of POWER
Challenge and Power—Wade Crawford Barclay
Worship Anthology (2343-BC)

Hymns:

"At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day"
"O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart Thy Brother"
"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
"Blest Be the Tie"
"We Thank Thee, Lord, Thy Paths of Service Lead"
"The Voice of God is Calling"

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Student work camps opportunity plus

In MSM work camps this summer you will be building, studying, sharing . . .

The work camp in Alaska will build a youth camp near Juneau on Eagle River. The group in Cuba will build a chapel. Much of the work in Mexico will center in village life and activity.

Near the Mexican border, the Rio Grande Valley work camp in Texas will be a home mission project. The Washington, D. C., work camp will have religion-and-politics as one of its emphases. The West Virginia project in

the coal fields will help build a Methodist chapel basement. Another basement will be built as the first unit for a North Dakota rural church in an oil community.

The European work camp will include features of a tour of goodwill. The group of 18 or 20 persons will go from New York City to London, where they will visit shrines of special interest to Methodists. They will go to The Hague, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Zurich, Geneva and Paris. At Dornbreite, near Hamburg, the campers will assist German people in building housing for refugees. All overseas travel will be by British Overseas Airlines Company, and other travel will be by bus, boat and train. Total cost for essentials, New York to New York, will be \$977.

Most MSM work campers will have completed their sophomore year in college or its equivalent, and will offer special skills. Applications for Cuba and Mexico work camps should be sent to H. C. Brown, Box 871, Nashville 2. Other applications should go to R. C. Singleton, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11.

Your MYF is urged to send copies of the spring issue of MYFund Bulletin to your friends in the armed forces. It contains a list of MYFund projects around the world which they may visit if they are near. Write to MYFund, Box 871, Nashville 2, for copies.

(Pictures right, above and on opposite page) MSM work campers will employ paint brushes, hammers, handshakes and smiles among other aspects of summer service projects described in the story on this page. These scenes are in Alaska, New York and Europe, showing work campers of other years.



A service for Easter sunrise

This service is arranged from selected materials which appear in The Methodist Hymnal and The Book of Worship.

CHORAL ALLELUIAS (by quartet or congregation): First seven measures of hymn 156.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things!

Group: Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; for the Lord hath comforted his people.

Leader: Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory.

Group: Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah! Amen.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Group: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: He is risen.

Group: He is risen indeed.

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Group: We have an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away. Amen.

HYMN: First two stanzas, "The Strife Is O'er." 156.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: (Leader reading, the congregation responding.)

Leader: Upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared. And

they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher.

Group: Hallelujah!

Leader: But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping. She saith, They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And she saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus, supposing him to be the gardener. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned, and saith unto him, Master

Group: Hallelujah!

Leader: And, behold, two of them went that same day to Emmaus. And while they communed together, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

Group: Hallelujah!

Leader: When the doors were shut where the disciples were, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side.

Group: Hallelujah!

Leader: Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. And that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord.

Group: Hallelujah!

Leader: I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, and I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the breast with a golden girdle. And his hairs were as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, and his voice as the sound of many waters. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead, And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last

This Easter Sunrise service has been prepared as a climax for the Lenten reading project among youth in The Methodist Church, using the book, *I BELONG*. The service has been published in the April issue of *ROUNDTABLE*, the monthly publication containing plans for program areas and the MYF Council.

Copies of this service, 2428-B, and the 1954 service, "Fairest Lord Jesus," 2409-C, are available free from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2.

I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of hell and of death.

Group: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GLORIA PATRI.

SILENT MEDITATION.

PRAYER: Almighty and everlasting God, who on Easter Day didst turn the despair of the disciples into triumph by the resurrection of Christ, who had been crucified; give us faith to believe that every good which hath seemed to be overcome by evil, and every love which hath seemed to be buried in darkness and in death, shall rise again to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, who liveth with thee for evermore. Amen.

O God, our Father in heaven, we consecrate ourselves anew to thee this Easter Day. Grant us loyalty to thy Church, and gladness in thy service. Fill us with the spirit of reverence and humility that we be permitted to sing thy praises. Keep us in the blessed remembrance that we are thy children and in thy presence, and make us faithful in our duty, and worthier of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION: This festival day celebrates the triumph of the great hope of everlasting life that shines through the gospel. As the eternal Christ rose triumphant over the bitter pain of the cross and the darkness of

the tomb, we have the assurance that enables us to look beyond the things of earth that pass away to find our joy and peace in God's infinite love. We hold this festival of praise in gratitude for the everlasting hopes that arise within the human heart, and for the gospel which has brought life and immortality to light.

RESPONSE: "Through Love to Light!" 599.

MEDITATION: "We are all united . . . in the use of the Holy Scriptures. We are further united in common prayer, which may be expressed in the spoken word, through silence, or by employment of the sacred treasures of Christian literature, art, and music. In this worship we all stand before God in adoration of His majesty, bringing to Him our needs and the needs of our fellows. We wait for His grace in the forgiveness of our sins and for the restoration of our spirits through renewed communion with Him . . ."

SILENT MEDITATION.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole earth: Hallelujah! The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whereby we cry Abba, Father. Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah!

HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," 154.

MYF BENEDICTION.

Hopeful straw in fickle wind?

As things stand now, the United States of America and Communist China are publicly committed to fight a war with each other.

That statement has a startling sound, and in a sense it is not quite true. Yet, even in amending the statement, one would have to confess the emphasis should go on the word **quite**: not quite true, perhaps, but so near to it as to be deeply frightening in the age of the H-bomb.

Red China, of course, is publicly (and repeatedly) pledged to take Formosa, while the United States has announced it will defend Formosa against attack. Since Soviet Russia, the world's other "H-Power," is a mutual-defense-pact ally of the Chinese "People's Republic," we are indeed close to the threat of H-bomb war.

Perhaps we can take some encouragement in the fact that the Communists have set no date for the "liberation" of Formosa, and that they have announced their willingness to discuss some kind of settlement. But they seem to be so strongly pledged—toward their own people—to seize Formosa, that it is difficult to see what face-saving gesture can be accomplished.

Lovers of peace must be realistic and realize that even U. S. recognition of Red China, and its admission to the U.N., might only temporarily delay the desire for expansion. Whether the right wing of the U. S. Republican party would allow these two steps to be taken in the first place, is also highly questionable.

Meanwhile, the realization of what an H-bomb war would mean simply has not "sunk through," either with the man on the street or the men in the Pentagon. Even if immediate destruction of most of mankind were not threatened, lingering death by radiation would be a very real possibility for all men and women.

What we may expect in the immediate future was summed up by Greg MacGregor in the Feb. 27 *New York Times*: in the next two months, Red China will test U. S. intentions through

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a small-scale attack on Matsu or Quemoy. Within another four months, it will likely be ready to make heavy bombing raids on all islands held by the Nationalists—a step preliminary to the invasion of Formosa.

If the United States does defend Quemoy or Matsu, it will be defending islands which are within just a few miles of the Chinese mainland. And it will, of course, be supporting one Chinese faction against another ("interfering in the internal affairs of a nation").

If it does not defend them, it will make it easier for Red China to invade Formosa, which our government considers the keystone of its defense system in the Far East. Thus, "defense" has become a matter of protecting islands almost around the globe.

In such a confusing, unpredictable, mixed-up world, our only hope at the moment seems to be in postponing the almost inevitable while we think and pray and plead for really imaginative and creative peace actions to change the "war climate."

The national "Feed China" campaign, publicized by CONCERN and supported by a constantly increasing number of religious groups, is one of the few hopeful straws in the wind. Let's "dream up" some more!

Place of holiness where men work

Dr. George MacLeod, founder of the famed Iona Community in Scotland, has said that the place of primary holiness is not where men worship, but where they work.

Speaking on the theme, "The Christian World Mission," he declared that "Jesus transferred the real place of holiness from the ecclesiastical scene to the crossroads of history, where men gather and soldiers gamble and thieves curse.

"I protest against that school of contemplation," he said, "which urges that in our retreats and quiet times we should confine ourselves to an experience of communion with 'God alone.'"

T. V. story contest nets \$1,500 for three

Three winners of a television story contest among college students have been announced by the Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church.

Winner of the \$750 first prize is Mrs. Adeline M. Mason, a student at College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., for her script, "The Better Lot."

The second prize of \$500 for a story titled "The Prince of Stumpingham," was won by Miss Patricia Lee Goff, an evening student at Temple University, Philadelphia.

Miss Edith Carver Dodd won the \$250 third prize for her story, "The Key to Trust." She is a Northwestern University student.

The scripts are being considered for a new half-hour TV drama series to be produced by the commission, which has its national headquarters in Nashville. The contest called for "real life situations" emphasizing Christian love and concern for all persons.

Boston students have service program

About 275 Boston University students have been making good use of their spare time this year.

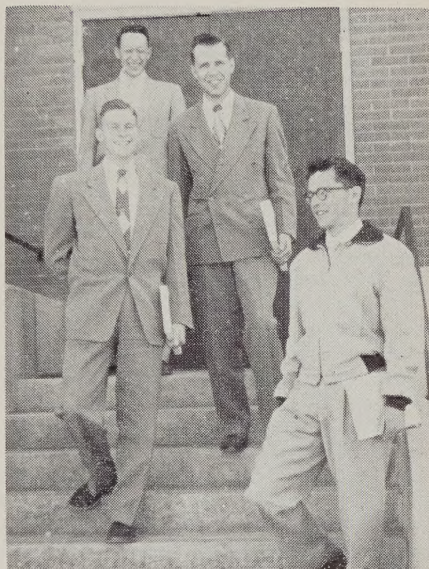
Dormitories, sororities, fraternities, and service organizations have been giving their services to settlement houses, hospitals, neighborhood houses and current drives. Student groups usually work three or four hours during the day or evening at the hospitals most of the day on Saturdays.

Plans are being made for an All-University Volunteer Service Day which will arrange a trip to the circus or a baseball game for settlement house children this spring.

What is YOUR considered opinion on the major areas of Christian concern? Methodist students and youth should be sharing their ideas with each other in these columns. Tell the editor how you feel in a plain, non-literary letter if you like—the important thing is the idea.

CONCERN, Box 871, Nashville 2.

MSM ⁱⁿ action



Jet missile men in MSM group

The MSM in New Mexico and West Texas is attracting older youth whose college careers have been interrupted by military service. Shown above are four of these young men from White Sands Proving Grounds near Las Cruces—top-to-bottom they are Charles Hole, Warren Rice, Donald Goodale and Charles Day.

Charles Hole, an officer in the MSM at St. Paul's church in Las Cruces, is a former A-3 (short-term missionary to Africa) and has been much in demand in southern New Mexico as a speaker.

Delegates from MSM groups in New Mexico and West Texas at their fifth annual state conference recently elected Joyce Simmons of N. M. U. as president, Fred W. Warner of N.M.A. & M., vice president; Sue Ann Teal of Eastern N.M.U., secretary; Wiley Mitchell of Highlands University, treasurer; Pat Lesley of N.M. Western, publicity chairman; and Chelsea Young of Sul Ross College, member-at-large.

Peace is theme in two contests

Youth of the Colorado conference are competing in speech contests as part of the Crusade for World Order and discussion of United Nations Charter Review.

The general theme is "Contributions to Peace," with specific topics chosen by the contestants after reading the Crusade book, *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks*.

Each of the four district champions, to be determined in April after local and sub-district contests in February and March, will receive an expenses-paid trip to the Washington-UN seminar in 1956. The district winners also will give their seven-minute speeches before the youth delegates to the annual conference.

Peace secretaries of the districts are supervising the contest, assisted by sub-district youth directors and district superintendents.

Senior high youth in the New England Southern conference are having a World Peace Oratorical contest in connection with the Crusade for World Order. The first prize is a \$500 scholarship to Boston University.

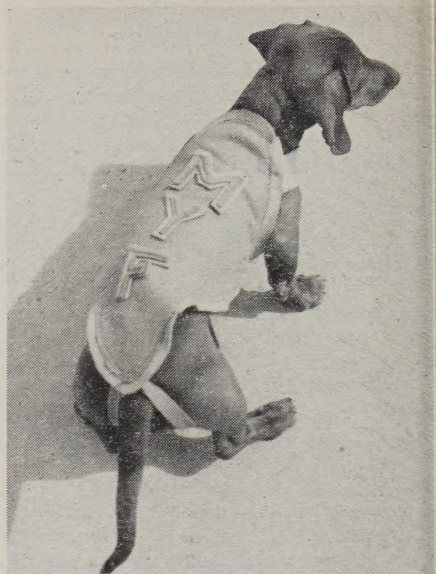
Junior high youth in the same conference are competing in poster-making on the peace theme. Awards are being made by each local church having contestants.

Was Lafayette-- now it's Rice

Lafayette sub-district in Louisiana has been renamed by MYF'ers in a most logical way. The sub-district now is Rice.

Four churches are included in the territory. They are Rayne, Indian Bayou, Crowley and Ebenezer. And rice is the main product of the country-side.

So the MYF'ers of the four churches took the first letter from the name of each church and came up with Rice.



Evita, a three-month-old dachshund puppy who is mascot for the Garden Grove (Calif.) Senior MYF, is official greeter for the San Diego District MYF convention this week-end in Garden Grove. Recently she went with 14 Garden Grove MYF'ers to the Arizona District MYF get-together in Tucson, 500 miles away, to learn how to put on a district meeting.

God and Country awards made

CONCERN has received word of five young Methodists who have received God and Country awards in Boy Scouting.

Thomas Nott, Jr., a member of the Gardnertown church in Newburgh, N. Y., was honored in services at the church three weeks ago. A senior patrol leader and State Scout, he is also son of the Scoutmaster and his mother is a Girl Scout troop leader.

Four MYF members of First Church in California, Pa., have been awarded the honor. They are Gerald B. Copenhaver, William B. Monroe, James W. Riggs and Malverne R. Wolfe, Jr.

To achieve the God and Country medal, Scouters work in the areas of Christian faith, Christian witness, Christian world outreach, Christian

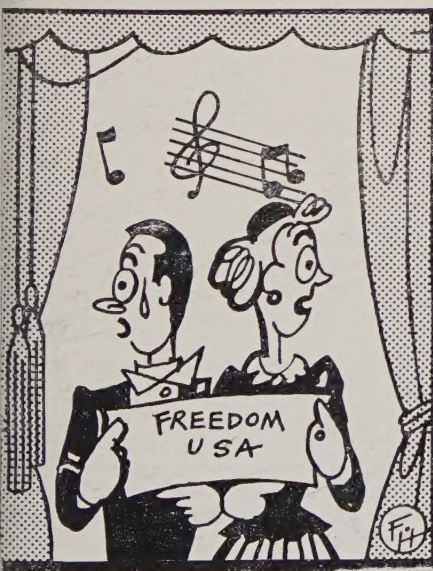
citizenship and Christian fellowship. The work is directed by the Scout's pastor.

\$25 to CARE-- party outside

When MYF members of Hurlbut Memorial church at Chautauqua, N. Y., planned a Snow Party recently to honor students home for the holidays, they discovered it would cost \$25 to rent a cabin from a hiking club.

After discussing the matter, the group decided to have a winter outdoor party near home. They took the \$25 and bought a CARE package instead.

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To CONCERN:

Thank God for churches and people who are responding to need here in the Philippines.

St. Luke's church, Houston, Texas, under the leadership of Durwood Fleming, has started a magnificent program of providing work funds for lots and church construction. University Church, Tulsa, Okla., with Irvin Smith, gave substantially to another new church this year. St. Luke's, Ft. Worth, Texas, under Ervin Gathings, (St. Luke's is fast becoming a favorite name with us) and St. Luke's, Oklahoma City, under McFerrin Stowe, together with First Church, Tulsa, Lem Fenn; Mart, Carroll Thompson; Ferris, Hubert Crain; the Georgetown and Longview MYF'ers, and Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Bonham, Houston, have boosted our expanding evangelistic and missionary program.

Our supporting church, Austin Avenue, Waco, under the leadership of Dr. G. Alfred Brown, still underwrites our salary and travel to and from the field, although their beautiful sanctuary was levelled by fire recently. The Upper Room and Holt classes are regularly easing the pain of facing calls that are worthy but beyond our means.

Our radio broadcast donor returned to the States, but the station has continued to carry us until we can find another. This is important, for, believe it or not, people are still taught that "protestantes" are devils, and many are afraid of us. They are hungry for the gospel, good music and Christian fellowship, and we're using every means to give them a taste of it.

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